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SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Foley.

SENATOR FOLEY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members. I was not intending to speak on this subject. The rhetoric that we've heard today from Senator Chambers was rather predictable. has put us on notice that he was going to attack this program and use the Catholic Church as his whipping boy, and he's made good on his word. A number of months ago I took the floor of the Legislature and criticized Senator Chambers and said that his speech was vile, hate filled and bigoted, and I stand by that statement, and he's proven that statement to be true today. Again, no great surprise. But, actually, nothing that Senator Chambers has said today has...has prompted me to take the floor Actually, what's prompted me to take the floor now is the speech of a good friend of mine, Jon Bruning, and I've known Jon for a long time, and he's been helpful to me from time to time on some things that I've worked on, but I have to tell you, Senator Bruning, I am deeply disappointed today in the speech that you made on the floor of this Legislature. To take the floor and to state, and if I'm...if I've got it...if I've got it wrong, I hope you will correct me, but state that Archbishop Curtiss is not worthy of the office that he holds I think is a very irresponsible statement on your part and I'm disappointed that you would make that statement. And I would remind you that you are running now for one of the highest offices in this state, an office that will require you from time to time to go into court and to be able to separate facts from lies, from distortions, and to act responsibly, and I think you've really failed us today, Jon, and I'm very disappointed. I will leave it there for now, but I'm...I'm going to mull over further Jon Bruning's speech of earlier this evening and it will...I think it may cause me to reassess my views of Jon on a foregoing basis. Thank you.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Raikes.

SENATOR RAIKES: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members. I rise to support this amendment. I'm going to operate strictly on the grounds that I think this is an improvement in the method in the allocation of funds to support need-based students. As Senator Wickersham said, it doesn't go perhaps as far as some of the